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FOR JUSTICE AND TREASURY

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TAGS: SNAR, UK  
SUBJ: HONG KONG/UK INTEREST IN US-SWISS MUTUAL ASSISTANCE TREATY

REF: HONG KONG 1215, STATE 26053

1. TREASURY MEMBER USDEL TO 27TH SESSION OF CND MET WITH LEE (UK) AND DEDENEY (UK) FEB 21 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION (INCLUDING COPIES OF TEXT) ON SWISS TREATY AND OUTLINED US OBJECTIVES FOR CONCLUDING OTHER MUTUAL ASSISTANCE TREATIES. SWISS TREATY WAS CITED AS AN EXAMPLE OF SUBJECT MATTER (BROADER THAN NARCOTICS ALONE) WE WILL BE INCLUDING IN FUTURE TREATIES ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT INTEND TO "DUPLICATE" THE SWISS TREATY IN FUTURE AGREEMENTS REACHED; PROVISIONS FOR OBTAINING ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE WOULD BE A KEY FACTOR. ONCE THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO PROCEED, A MEETING OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS COULD BE ARRANGED TO DELINEATE AREAS OF COMMON AGREEMENT AS WELL AS PROBLEM AREAS WHICH MIGHT HAVE TO BE TAILORED IN VIEW OF DOMESTIC LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

2. LEE HAS IN MIND CONCLUDING A SWISS TYPE TREATY FOR EXCHANGING  
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS BELIEVED TO HAVE ASSETS MAINLY IN SWITZERLAND, UK, CANADA AND US THEREBY PROVIDING THE MEANS TO OBTAIN THE EVIDENCE ESSENTIAL FOR SEIZING AND/OR IMMOBILIZING SUCH ASSETS IN HONG KONG AND ELSEWHERE. UPON HIS RETURN LEE WILL INITIATE APPROPRIATE MEASURES WITH THE VIEW OF OBTAINING HKG AGREEMENT FOR SUCH A TREATY -- TO BE NEGOTIATED BY THE UK.

3. DEDENEY EXPRESSED AWARENESS OF THE MERITS OF A TREATY OF THIS TYPE, BUT FORESAW OBSTACLES BECAUSE OF LEGISLATIVE AND LEGAL LIMITATIONS WHICH HAVE PREVENTED THE UK FROM BECOMING A PARTY TO THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS AND SIMILAR CONVENTIONS.

4. LEE WILL KEEP DEDENEY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN HK.  
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